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REMARKS

This communication is considered fully responsive to the Office action mailed Jul 13, 2004. Claims 1-66 were originally filed. The Office has issued a restriction requirement. Responsive to the restriction requirement, the Applicant elects Group IV – claim 1-16, 22-33. Claims 11, 17, and 53 are amended. No claims are cancelled. No claims are added. Examination of the elected claims is requested.

Restriction/election

The Office has issued a restriction requirement on the basis that the originally filed claims are purportedly directed to multiple, patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Office has proposed the following claim groupings:

Group I – claims relating to independent claim 34

Group II – claims relating to independent claim 17

The Applicant elects Group I.

In addition, the Office has issued a further restriction requirement if the Applicant elects Group I. The Office has proposed the following claim sub-groupings:

Group III – Claims 34-66

Group IV – Claims 1-16, 22-33

The Applicant elects Group IV – 1-16 and 22-33 for examination.

Conclusion

Therefore, the complete list of claims elected pursuant to the Restriction Requirement action of Jul 13, 2004 includes: claims 1-16 and 22-33.

Respectfully Submitted,

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